

IN THE CLAIMS

Non-elected claims 6-12, 16-19, 25-31, 37-43, 47-50 and 56-62 have been previously canceled. Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 13, 20, 23, 24, 32, 35, 36, 44, 51, 54 and 55 to the following. A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes thereto is included as an attachment to this Amendment.

--1. (Three Times Amended) An information-signal playback system comprising an information-signal reading apparatus for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection, and an information-signal processing apparatus for receiving said main information signal and said information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, said information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

readout means for reading out said information on said copyright protection from said recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting said information on said copyright protection read out by said readout means; and

output means for supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on said copyright protection as encrypted by said encryption means, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which said copy control information is embodied; and

said information-signal processing apparatus comprising:

decryption means for decrypting encrypted information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus; and

control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, said information on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption carried out by said decryption means, and said copy control information.--

--4. (Amended) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal recorded on said recording medium;

said information-signal processing apparatus is provided with information indicating never-copy or one-copy detecting means for detecting said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal received from said information-signal reading apparatus; and

said control means controls predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal by taking said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation detected by said information-signal detecting means into consideration.--

--5. (Amended) An information-signal playback system according to claim 4

wherein:

said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal as digital-watermark information; and

said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control detecting means employed in said information-signal processing apparatus detects said digital-watermark information superposed on said main information signal.--

--13. (Three Times Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and for supplying said signal and said information to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

readout means for reading out said information on said copyright protection from said recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting said information on said copyright protection read out by said readout means; and

output means for supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on said copyright protection as encrypted by said encryption means, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which said copy control information is embodied.--

--20. (Three Times Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus for receiving a main information signal, encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection, said information-signal processing apparatus comprising:

output means for supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on said copyright protection as encrypted by encryption means, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied;

decryption means for decrypting said encrypted information on said copyright protection; and

control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection, information on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption carried out by said decryption means and said copy control information.--

--23. (Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal;

information indicating never-copy or one-copy detecting means is provided for detecting said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal; and

said control means controls an operation to output said main information signal by taking said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation detected by said information-signal detecting means into consideration.--

--24. (Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 23 wherein:

said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal as digital-watermark information; and

said information indicating never-copy or one-copy detecting means detects said digital-watermark information superposed on said main information signal.--

--32. (Three Times Amended) An information-signal playback method for driving an information-signal reading apparatus to read out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and supply said main information signal and said information on said copyright protection to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal playback method comprising the steps of:

driving said information-signal reading apparatus to supply, to said information signal processing apparatus, said information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied; and

driving said information-signal processing apparatus to decrypt said encrypted

information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and control predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, said information on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption and said copy control information.--

--35. (Amended) An information-signal playback method according to claim 32; wherein information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal recorded on said recording medium, said information-signal playback method further including the step of driving said information-signal processing apparatus to detect said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal and control predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal by taking said detected information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation into consideration.--

--36. (Amended) An information-signal playback method according to claim 35; wherein said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal as digital-watermark information, said information-signal playback method further including the step of driving said information-signal processing apparatus to detect said digital-watermark information superposed on said main information signal.--

--44. (Three Times Amended) An information-signal reading method for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and for supplying said signal and said information to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal reading method comprising the step of supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied.--

--51. (Three Times Amended) An information-signal processing method for receiving a main information signal, encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection, said information-signal processing method comprising the steps of:

supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied;

decrypting said encrypted information on copyright protection; and

controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on said copyright protection, decrypted information on said copyright protection and said copy control information.--

--54. (Amended) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to said main information signal, said information-signal processing method further including the steps of:

detecting said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to said main information signal;

controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal by taking said detected information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation into consideration.--

--55. (Amended) An information-signal processing method according to claim 54 wherein said information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is information superposed on said main information signal as digital-watermark information, said information-signal processing method further including the step of detecting said digital-watermark information superposed on said main information signal.--